

MINUTES  
PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH

January 23, 1973

The meeting was opened by Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President, who spoke of the difficulties encountered by the organization during the past year. The officers felt that they had served much too long, a nominating committee was not able to come up with a slate and no membership was solicited. A merger with Stinson Beach Projects was jointly explored by both organizations and was decided not feasible.

Finally and fortunately Bob Hanlon had agreed to chair a nominating committee. He presented the following slate:

President	Kendrick Rand
Vice- Pres.	Julie Spencer
Secretary	Aleta Brownlee
Treasurer	Charles Griffin

Delegate to the Community Center Board of Directors Helen Walsh  
( Mr. Ralph Sigmund also serves during the current year ).

It was moved, seconded and passed that this group be elected for the current year, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

Mr. Sigmund, former treasurer asked that an auditing committee go over the books. Mr. Rand said this would be done.

There followed a general discussion in which members spoke of how long they had lived in the community, and their interest in it; of the history of the Progressive Club and some of the things it had accomplished; of their desire to be involved in community life; of their desire to work for unity in the community and their belief that the Progressive Club can be a viable organization.

Mr. Coyle Briggs commented that use should be made of the varied skills and interests of people in the community. Miss Ruth Miller spoke in appreciation of the work of past officers of the organization. Mr. Hanlon expressed a wish to see rapport among all groups in the community.

The new President, Mr. Rand said that Stinson Beach seems to have a magic quality for many people. We shall try to preserve it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Aleta Brownlee*  
Secretary



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Executive Committee of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach

Feb. 12, 1973

An informal meeting was held by Mr. Rand with Miss Walsh, Mr. Griffin and Miss Brownlee present.

It was decided to get a membership drive under way soon and Mr. Rand would prepare a letter to be enclosed with an appeal.

There was some discussion of appointing observers to attend meetings of organizations which have matters affecting the community under consideration.

There was brief discussion of the Fourth of July celebration, of a beautification program, of the dog problem, of parking in the town.

It was decided to hold a candidates meeting for members running for the school board.

There was discussion of the outmoded constitution of the organization and Miss Brownlee was asked to send a copy to each member of the executive committee asking what changes they would like made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Alta Brownlee*  
Secretary



# MEETING

Executive Committee of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach.

March 21, 1973

The President, Kendrick Rand, discussed some matters which had come to his attention.

The State Park is wanting to enclose its area, locking the gates, etc. He found Mr. Hatch, the Superintendent, unavailable to discuss the situation. Such action would create a hardship for the town-- all visitors would be forced toward the main entrance. The park people do not seem interested in a south entrance. There was some discussion as to whether the beach could be considered as property and Mr. Sigmund said that legislation concerning California beaches is now in the courts.

Mr. Rand said he had been approached about contributing toward candidates expenses in running for the School Board and had refused. All agreed that this was proper. He suggested that we should call a candidates meeting so the town could meet them and hear their views. This was agreed.

He said he hoped it would not be like a community relations meeting he had recently attended in Bolinas where no one would listen to another, and full of antagonism and lack of manners.

Membership was discussed and Mr. Rand said that Hattie and Ruth had agreed to take responsibility for it.

He will try to get Mr. Hatch for a later meeting and will hope to include summer people.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Alexa Browne*  
Secretary



## MINUTES

Progressive Club of Stinson Beach

Wednesday Apr. 11, 1973

Presiding: Kendrick Rand, President

Subject : Candidates for the School Board, presenting their interests and hopes.

Mr. Les Horning, Principal spoke of the financial situation. He said there had been a 10% loss in assessed valuation in the school district, which already had the lowest tax in the county. This year all reserves had to be used, next year there will be none. The tax rate is \$1.20 per \$100.00 valuation, the Board asks \$1.70. This will be used to improve programs.

Mike Akin, candidate, said he wants a decent school, for learning and not baby sitting.

Diana Farnsworth candidate, said she was a pre law student, she has taught pre school. She has four small children and a step son at Tamalpais High. She wants the school to have input from parents and the community. She is against raising the tax rate. SB 90 provides an increase anyway and outside assistance, other than taxes should be sought.

Carol Flynn candidate, is a pediatrician. When treating children she tries to also treat the family. Stinson Beach needs more representation on the Board. She favors raising the tax rate.

Mike Sanford candidate said Stinson Beach needs more representation on the Board. Parents are alienated and more meetings should be held in Stinson Beach. Parents are sending their children to other schools, and the board should know why. Thinks that as a lawyer he would be useful, especially in relation to State and Federal programs. He is against a tax increase, and it is wrong of the Board to ask for more than they need. He thinks retired people are paying for the school under the present system, and the school may have to run a tight ship for the next year.

Susie Walsh, candidate has taught in elementary school and in college. Her husband is also involved in educational programs. She thinks the school is generally good and the teachers qualified. She would like more stress on fundamentals such as reading and writing and the community and parents should be involved in the school. She is for the tax but does not like the increase. She thinks next year the school will be about \$16000 short. Outside funding is more difficult to get.

Peter Weston, candidate, feels that financial problems hang over the school. In principle he is against the tax increase. School programs should not be financed this way. He would devote his attention to obtaining funds from some other source than the property owner. He questions educational direction and the time spent on finance and would like the Board to participate in the curriculum.

Carolyn Brown, candidate, has three boys, and has been a teacher of the disabled in Berkeley for five years. She is against the tax election, and doubts the emergency. There should be more use of community facilities. She cited a variety of ways in which money could be saved, such as:



1. Children's messes are cleaned up by others-- they should learn about trash.
2. There is carelessness in the use of electricity.
3. Bulk rate postage, not first class, should be used.
4. Donations are possible, viz for art classes.
5. Would like to cut Henry's Service.
6. Bussing should be reorganizd, using mini busses.

She is not in favor of cutting salaries.

Discussion from the floor followed.

Otto Reutinger asked how people felt about using parents in the schoolroom. He does not favor sacrificing education in any way but thinks it could add to early childhood education.

Chuck Hancock commented that the early years are the crucial ones. He favors good health education and attention to the processes by which children learn. He said there is no freedom from State regulation on many things the community or the Board might like.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Alia Brownlee*  
Secretary